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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2013-1)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the AAR's proposed rebasing calculations and the rebased first quarter 2013 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. A new base level for the index is calculated in the Board's decision, as the statute requires be done every five years. The first quarter 2013 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 0.997. The first quarter 2013 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.435. The first quarter 2013 RCAF-5 is 0.411.

DATES: Effective Date: January 1, 2013.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the

Board's decision, which is available on our website, http://www.stb.dot.gov. Copies of

the decision may be purchased by contacting the Office of Public Assistance,

Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at (800) 877-8339.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Decided: December 19, 2012.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Mulvey, and Commissioner Begeman.

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Clearance Clerk

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